

## **REMARKS**

Applicants file an RCE and reply to the final Office Action dated June 7, 2011 within three months. Claims 1-23 and 25-37 were pending in the present Office Action. Applicants cancel claims 13-17, 20, 23, 25 and 34-37 without prejudice to filing one or more claims having similar subject matter. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-23 and 25-37 under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Hwang et al. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants present claim amendments in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution. Applicants cancel claims 13-17, 20, 23, 25 and 34-37, so the rejections of those claims are moot.

Applicants assert that the claimed invention describes transferring a file structure from a **user area** of the recording medium. In contrast, the TDMA and the plurality of DMA of Hwang et al. are stored in the **lead-in and lead-out areas**. Thus, Applicants amend the independent claims to emphasize this difference. Specifically, claim 1 now recites:

"...transferring a first file structure of the first information from an area for recording user data of the write-once recording medium to the first memory, generating a second file structure for the second information based on the first file structure..."

Independent claims 8, 18-19, 21-22, 26 and 30 are amended similarly. Dependent claims 3, 6, 10, 28 and 32 are amended for consistency.

Applicants assert that Hwang et al. fails to teach or suggest the above feature of transferring a first file structure from **an area for recording user data** and generating a second file structure based on the first file structure. Instead, Hwang et al. clearly describes in para. [0058]-[0059] that a recording medium includes a lead-in area, a data area, and a lead-out area, wherein the defect management areas are stored in the lead-in and lead-out areas. Therefore, **Hwang et al. is not directed toward, cannot be used to solve and teaches away from**, a problem to be solved by the claimed invention, which is to provide reproduction compatibility of **user data files** (i.e., files stored in the user data area, not in the lead-in and lead-out areas).

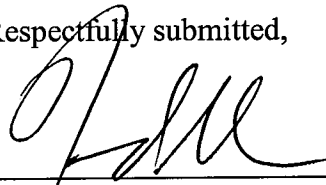
By providing reproduction compatibility of user data files, the claimed inventions have a number of advantages over the prior art, some of which can be understood from paragraphs [0289]-

[0291] of the specification. For at least these reasons, Applicants assert that independent claims 1, 8, 18-19, 21-22, 26 and 30 are novel and inventive over the prior art.

The dependent claims variously depend from the independent claims 1, 8, 18-19, 21-22, 26 and 30, so Applicants assert that the dependent claims are differentiated from the cited art for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own unique features.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including extension of time fees, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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